

1 LOTTERY TICKET DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

3 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

4 A lottery ticket distribution system according to the invention includes a ticket
5 distribution center (9) that is in electronic communication with a number of player terminals
6 (10) at locations remote to the ticket distribution center. The ticket distribution center (9)
7 includes an electronic ticket storage device (11, 20) for storing a game set (29) of electronic
8 tickets (31) and distributing the electronic tickets to the player terminals (10). A ticket record
9 manufacturing device (14, 15) operatively connected to the ticket distribution center (9)
10 provides either a nonvolatile data record for each ticket or a hard copy ticket, or both. The
11 nonvolatile data records or set of hard copy tickets for a given game set are not distributed to
12 the players, but are held for verification and dispute resolution purposes either at the ticket
13 distribution center (9) or some other secure location.